

# FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN $C^*$ -ALGEBRA VALUED ASYMMETRIC METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract** In this work, we introduce the concept of  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space, the concept of forward and the concept of backward  $C^*$ -valued asymmetric contractions. We discuss the existence and uniqueness of fixed points for a self-mapping defined on a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space, and we give an application.

## 1 Introduction

The scientific starting point of the fixed point theory was set up in the 20th century. The fundamental outcome of this theory is the Picard-Banach-Caccioppoli contraction principle which brought into crucial and relevant fields of research: the theory of functional equations, integral equations, physic, economy, ...

Many researchers have dealt with the theory of fixed point in two ways: the first affirms the conditions on the mapping whereas the second takes the set as a more general structure. Indeed the fixed point theorem is established in several cases such as asymmetric metric spaces which generalize metric spaces. These spaces are introduced by Wilson [1] and have been studied by J. Collins and J. Zimmer . Other interesting results in asymmetric metric spaces have also been demonstrated by Aminpour, Khorshidvandpour and Mousavi [10]. This research has contributed to interesting applications, for example in rate-independent plasticity models [8], shape memory alloys [9], material failure models [7]. In mathematics, we find other applications such as the study of asymmetric metric spaces to prove the existence and uniqueness of Hamilton-Jacobi equations [7].

Recently, in a more general context, Zhenhua Ma, Lining Jiang and Hongkai Sun introduced the notion of  $C^*$ -algebra valued metric spaces and analogous to the Banach contraction principle and established a fixed point theorem for  $C^*$ -valued contractive mappings [3]. These results were generalized by Samina Batul and Tayyab Kamran in [5] by introducing the concept of  $C^*$ -valued contractive type condition. M.Mlaiki et al. [4] define the  $C^*$ -algebra valued partial  $b$ -metric spaces. In [11], G. Kalpana and Z. S. Tasneem introduce the definition of a  $C^*$ -algebra valued rectangular  $b$ -metric spaces and interpret the notion of  $C^*$ -algebra valued triple controlled metric type spaces and derive certain fixed point theorems for Banach and Kannan type contraction mappings of the underlying spaces [12].

In this paper, we first introduce the notion of  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric spaces and we establish a fixed point theorem analogous to the results presented in [5]. Some examples are provided to illustrate our results. Finally, existence and uniqueness results for a type of operator equation is given.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give some basic definitions.  $\mathbb{A}$  will denote a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra with a unit  $I_{\mathbb{A}}$ . An involution on  $\mathbb{A}$  is a conjugate linear map  $a \mapsto a^*$  on  $\mathbb{A}$  such that  $a^{**} = a$  and  $(ab)^* = b^*a^*$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

A Banach  $C^*$ -algebra is a algebra provided with a involution and a complete multiplicative

norm such that  $\|a^*\| = \|a\|$  for all  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

A  $C^*$ -algebra is a Banach  $*$ -algebra such that  $\|a^*a\| = \|a\|^2$ .  $\mathbb{A}_h$  will denote the set of all self-adjoint elements  $a$  (i.e., satisfying  $a^* = a$ ), and  $\mathbb{A}^+$  will be the set of positive elements of  $\mathbb{A}$ , i.e., the elements  $a \in \mathbb{A}_h$  having the spectrum  $\sigma(a)$  contained in  $[0, +\infty)$ . Note that  $\mathbb{A}^+$  is a (closed) cone in the normed space  $\mathbb{A}$  [2], which infers a partial order  $\preceq$  on  $\mathbb{A}_h$  by  $a \preceq b$  if and only if  $b - a \in \mathbb{A}^+$ . When  $\mathbb{A}$  is a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra, then for any  $x \in \mathbb{A}_+$  we have  $|x| = (x^*x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . We will use the following results.

**Lemma 2.1.** [2] Suppose that  $\mathbb{A}$  is a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra with a unit  $I_{\mathbb{A}}$

- (i)  $\mathbb{A}^+ = \{a^*a : a \in \mathbb{A}\}$ ;
- (ii) if  $a, b \in \mathbb{A}_h, a \preceq b$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{A}$ , then  $c^*ac \preceq c^*bc$ ;
- (iii) for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{A}_h$ , if  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq a \preceq b$  then  $\|a\| \leq \|b\|$ ;
- (iv)  $0 \preceq a \preceq I_{\mathbb{A}} \Leftrightarrow \|a\| \leq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [2] Suppose that  $\mathbb{A}$  is a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra with a unit  $I_{\mathbb{A}}$ .

- (i) if  $a \in \mathbb{A}_+$  with  $\|a\| < \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $I_{\mathbb{A}} - a$  is invertible and  $\|a(I_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1}\| < 1$ ;
- (ii) suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{A}$  with  $a, b \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $ab = ba$ , then  $ab \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ ;
- (iii) by  $\mathbb{A}'$  we denote the set  $\{a \in \mathbb{A} : ab = ba, \forall b \in \mathbb{A}\}$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{A}'$ , if  $b, c \in \mathbb{A}$  with  $b \succeq c \succeq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $I_{\mathbb{A}} - a \in \mathbb{A}'_+$  is a invertible operator, then  $(I_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1}b \succeq (I_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1}c$ .

### 3 Main results

To begin with, let us start from some basic definitions.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Suppose the mapping  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  satisfies:

- (i)  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}} \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) \preceq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $d$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric on  $X$  and  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space.

It is obvious that  $C^*$ -algebra-valued asymmetric metric spaces generalize the concept of  $C^*$ -algebra valued  $b$ -metric spaces [?].

**Example 3.2.** Let  $\mathbb{A} = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} x - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - x \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

with  $\left\| \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^4 |x_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  where  $x_i$  are real numbers. Then  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space, where partial ordering on  $\mathbb{A}_+$  is given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \succeq \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_3 & y_4 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow x_i \geq y_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

It is clear that  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}} \Leftrightarrow x = y$ . We will verify triangular inequality. Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  then we have six cases:

- (i) let  $x \leq y$  then  $d(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - x \end{bmatrix}$

a. If  $x \leq y \leq z$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z - x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} z - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z - y & 0 \\ 0 & z - x \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

b. If  $x \leq z \leq y$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z - x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - x \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

c. If  $z \leq x \leq y$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x - z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - z & 0 \\ 0 & y - z \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

(ii) Let  $x \geq y$  then  $d(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

a. If  $x \geq y \geq z$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x - z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - z & 0 \\ 0 & y - z \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

b. If  $x \geq z \geq y$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x - z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} z - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

c. If  $z \geq x \geq y$

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z - x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} z - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z - y & 0 \\ 0 & z - x \end{bmatrix} \succeq d(x, y).$$

Note that  $d(1, 2) \neq d(2, 1)$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $\mathbb{A} = L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  by  $d(x, y) = f_{x,y}$

$$f_{x,y} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_{x,y}(t) = \begin{cases} (x - y)t & \text{if } x \geq y \\ (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

where  $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f_{x,y}$  is a  $T$ -periodic function, we have:

(i)  $0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}} \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ;

(ii) We will verify triangular inequality. Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $t \in [0, T[$  we have six cases:

a. If  $x \leq y \leq z$

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = f_{x,y}(t) = (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (z - x) \frac{T - t}{T} + (z - y)t \succeq (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} = d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$

b. If  $z \leq x \leq z \leq y$

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (x - z)t + (y - z) \frac{T - t}{T} \succeq (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} = d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$

c. If  $x \leq z \leq y$

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (z - x) \frac{T - t}{T} + (y - z) \frac{T - t}{T} = (y - x) \frac{T - t}{T} \succeq d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$

d. If  $y \leq x \leq z$

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = f_{x,y}(t) = (x - y)t \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (z - x) \frac{T - t}{T} + (z - y)t \succeq (x - y)t = d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$

- e. If  $z \leq y \leq x$ 

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = (x - y) t \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (x - z) t + (y - z) \frac{T - t}{T} \succeq (x - y) t = d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$
  - f. If  $y \leq z \leq x$ 

$$\begin{cases} d(x, y)(t) = (x - y) t \\ d(x, z)(t) + d(z, y)(t) = (x - z) t + (z - y) t = (x - y) t \succeq d(x, y)(t). \end{cases}$$
- Note that  $d(\frac{T}{2}, 0)(t) = \frac{T}{2}t$  and  $d(0, \frac{T}{2})(t) = \frac{T-t}{2}$  for all  $t \in [0, T[$

In what follows, we define in the same way the forward convergence and the backward convergence in [1] but in a more general context.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, d, \mathbb{A})$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space,  $x \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence in  $X$ .

- (i) one say  $\{x_n\}$  forward converges to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  and we write  $x_k \xrightarrow{f} x$ , if and only if for given  $\epsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq k$

$$d(x, x_n) \preceq \epsilon.$$

- (ii) one say  $\{x_n\}$  backward converges to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  and we write  $x_n \xrightarrow{b} x$ , if and only if for given  $\epsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq k$

$$d(x_n, x) \preceq \epsilon.$$

- (iii) one say  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  if  $\{x_n\}$  forward converges and backward converges to  $x$ .

**Example 3.5.**  $d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} y - x & \text{if } y \geq x \\ 1 & \text{if } y < x \end{cases}.$$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and let  $x_n = x(1 + \frac{1}{n})$ . Then  $x_n \xrightarrow{f} x$  but  $x_n \not\xrightarrow{b} x$ . This example asserts that the existence of a forward limit does not imply the existence of a backward limit.

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space. If  $\{x_n\}_n$  forward converges to  $x \in X$  and backward converges to  $y \in X$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\epsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ . By assumption,  $x_n \xrightarrow{f} x$  so there exists  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x, x_n) \preceq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for all  $n \geq N_1$ . Also,  $x_n \xrightarrow{b} y$ , so there exists  $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, y) \preceq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for all  $n \geq N_2$ . Then for all  $n \geq N := \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ ,  $d(x, y) \preceq d(x, x_n) + d(x_n, y) \preceq \epsilon$ . As  $\epsilon$  was arbitrary, we deduce that  $d(x, y) = 0$ , which implies  $x = y$  □

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space and  $\{x_n\}_n$  a sequence in  $X$ .

- (i) One say that  $\{x_n\}$  forward Cauchy sequence (with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ ), if for given  $\epsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , there exists  $k$  belonging to  $\mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > p \geq k$

$$d(x_p, x_n) \preceq \epsilon.$$

- (ii) One say that  $\{x_n\}$  backward Cauchy sequence (with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ ), if for given  $\epsilon \succ 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , for all  $n > p \geq k$

$$d(x_n, x_p) \preceq \epsilon.$$

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $(X, d, \mathbb{A})$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space.  $X$  is said to be forward (backward) complete if every forward (backward) Cauchy sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$ , forward (backward) converges to  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $(X, d, \mathbb{A})$  a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space.  $X$  is said to be complete if  $X$  is forward and backward complete.

**Example 3.10.** we take the example(3.2),  $(\mathbb{R}, L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), d)$  is a complete  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space.

Indeed, it suffices to verify the completeness. Let  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  be a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Then for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a natural number  $N$  such that for all  $n, p \geq N$

$$\|d(x_n, x_p)\|_\infty = \|f_{x_n, x_p}\|_\infty < \varepsilon,$$

since

$$\|f_{x_n, x_p}\|_\infty = \begin{cases} (x_n - x_p)T & \text{if } x_n \geq x_p \\ (x_p - x_n) & \text{if } x_p > x_n \end{cases}$$

then  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the space  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus, there is  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists number  $k$  belonging to  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - x| \leq \varepsilon$  if  $n \geq k$ . It follows that :

$$\|d(x, x_n)\|_\infty \vee \|d(x_n, x)\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon \max \{1, T\},$$

therefore, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , that is,  $(\mathbb{R}, L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), d)$  is complete with respect to  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $(X, d, \mathbb{A})$  be  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said forward (respectively backward)  $C^*$ -algebra valued contractive mapping on  $X$ , if there exists  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$  with  $\|a\| < 1$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(x, y)a,$$

$$\text{(respectively } d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(y, x)a)$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 3.12.** Let  $\mathbb{A} = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} x - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4}(y - x) \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x < y, \end{cases}$$

then  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space, where the norm and the partial ordering on  $\mathbb{A}^+$  are given as example 3.1.

Consider  $T : X \rightarrow X$  by  $Tx = \frac{1}{4}x$ . Then,

$$d(Tx, Ty) = d\left(\frac{1}{4}x, \frac{1}{4}y\right) \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(x - y) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{16}(y - x) \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

it follows that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \preceq a^* d(x, y)a.$$

Indeed

$$d(Tx, Ty) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x-y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \preceq a^* d(x, y) a, & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4}(y-x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \preceq a^* d(x, y) a, & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

where  $a = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Next, we prove asymmetric version of  $C^*$ -algebra valued contractive mapping [3].

**Theorem 3.13.** *If  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a complete  $C^*$ -algebra-valued asymmetric metric space and  $T$  is a forward  $C^*$ -algebra valued contractive mapping, then there exists a unique fixed point in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* One suppose that  $\mathbb{A} \neq 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ . Choose  $x \in X$ .

Notice that in a  $C^*$ -algebra, if  $a, b \in \mathbb{A}_+$  and  $a \preceq b$ , then for any  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  both  $x^*ax$  and  $x^*bx$  are positive elements and  $x^*ax \preceq x^*bx$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^{n+1}x, T^n x) &= d(T(T^n x), T(T^{n-1}x)) \\ &\preceq a^* d(T^n x, T^{n-1}x) a \\ &\preceq (a^*)^2 d(T^{n-1}x, T^{n-2}x) a^2 \\ &\preceq \dots \\ &\preceq (a^*)^n d(Tx, x) a^n. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $n + 1 > p$

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^{n+1}x, T^p x) &\preceq d(T^{n+1}x, T^n x) + d(T^n x, T^{n-1}x) + \dots + d(T^{p+1}x, T^p x) \\ &\preceq \sum_{k=p}^n (a^*)^k d(Tx, x) a^k \\ &= \sum_{k=p}^n (a^*)^k d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^k \\ &= \sum_{k=p}^n \left( d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^k \right)^* \left( d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^k \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=p}^n \left| d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^k \right|^2 \\ &\preceq \left\| \sum_{k=p}^n \left| d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^k \right|^2 \right\| I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \left\| d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \sum_{k=p}^n \|a\|^{2k} I_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \left\| d(Tx, x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \frac{\|a\|^{2p}}{1 - \|a\|^2} I_{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} \quad (p \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

In the same way we prove

$$d(T^p x, T^{n+1}x) \preceq \left\| d(x, Tx)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \frac{\|a\|^{2p}}{1 - \|a\|^2} I_{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} \quad (p \rightarrow \infty).$$

Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  is a forward and backward Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$ , there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{T^n x\}$  converges to  $x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ .

One has

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\preceq d(Tx_0, x_0) \preceq d(Tx_0, T^{n+1}x) + d(T^{n+1}x, x_0) \\ &\preceq a^*d(x_0, T^n x)a + d(T^{n+1}x, x_0) \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Tx_0 = x_0$ , therefore  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

Now suppose that  $y (\neq x_0)$  is another fixed point of  $T$ , since

$$0_{\mathbb{A}} \preceq d(x_0, y) = d(Tx_0, Ty) \preceq a^*d(x_0, y)a$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|d(x_0, y)\| = \|d(Tx_0, Ty)\| \\ &\leq \|a^*d(x_0, y)a\| \\ &\leq \|a^*\| \|d(x_0, y)\| \|a\| \\ &= \|a\|^2 \|d(x_0, y)\| \\ &< \|d(x_0, y)\|, \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible. So  $d(x_0, y) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $x_0 = y$ , which implies that the fixed point is unique. □

**Definition 3.14.** (Forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi-continuous) A function  $G : X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  is said to be forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at  $x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  if the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$  is such that  $x_n \xrightarrow{f} x$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$  implies

$$\|G(x_0)\| \leq \liminf \|G(x_n)\|$$

where  $\mathcal{O}_T(x) = \{T^n x \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Definition 3.15.** (Forward Contractive Type Mapping) Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a forward  $C^*$ -valued contractive type mapping if there exists an  $x \in X$  and an  $a \in \mathbb{A}$  such that

$$d(Ty, T^2y) \preceq a^*d(y, Ty)a$$

with  $\|a\| < 1$  for every  $y \in \mathcal{O}_T(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  be a forward complete  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a forward  $C^*$ -algebra valued contractive type mapping.

Then

- (i)  $\exists x_0 \in X$  such that the sequence  $T^n x$  in  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$  forward converges to  $x_0$ ,
- (ii)  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$  if and only if the map  $G(x) = d(x, Tx)$  is forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at  $x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ .

*Proof.* We assume that  $\mathbb{A}$  is a nontrivial  $C^*$ -algebra.

- (i) Since the above forward contractive condition holds for each element of  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$  and  $\|a\| < 1$ , it follows that:

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1}x) \preceq (a^*)^n d(x, Tx)a^n.$$

Then for  $p < n$ , we have from the triangular inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(T^p x, T^{n+1} x) &\leq d(T^p x, T^{p+1} x) + d(T^{p+1} x, T^{p+2} x) + \dots + d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=p}^n (a^*)^k d(x, Tx) a^k \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=p}^n \left\| d(x, Tx)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \|a^k\|^2 \cdot 1_{\mathbb{A}} \\
 &\leq \left\| d(x, Tx)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \sum_{k=p}^n \|a\|^{2k} \cdot 1_{\mathbb{A}} \\
 &\leq \left\| d(x, Tx)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|^2 \frac{\|a\|^{2p}}{1 - \|a\|^2} \cdot 1_{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} \quad (p \rightarrow \infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\{T^n x\}$  is a forward Cauchy sequence in  $X$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ . By forward completeness of  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$ , there exists some  $x_0 \in X$  such that

$$T^n x \xrightarrow{f} x_0$$

with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ .

(ii) one suppose that  $Tx_0 = x_0$  and  $\{T^n x\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$  with  $T^n x \xrightarrow{f} x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|G(x_0)\| &= \|d(x_0, Tx_0)\| \\
 &= 0 \\
 &\leq \liminf \|G(T^n x)\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Reciprocally, if  $G$  is forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at  $x_0$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|G(x_0)\| &= \|d(x_0, Tx_0)\| \leq \liminf \|G(T^n x)\| \\
 &= \liminf \|d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x)\| \\
 &\leq \liminf \|a\|^{2n} \|d(x, Tx)\| \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

as a result  $d(x_0, Tx_0) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$ , proving  $T$  has a fixed point. □

**Example 3.17.**  $d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} x - y & \text{if } x \geq y \\ 1 & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

We consider  $T : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such as  $Tx = \frac{x}{4}$

$$d(Tx, Ty) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x - y) & x \geq y \\ 1 & x < y \end{cases}$$

$T$  is not a forward  $C^*$ -valued contractive mapping.

If  $x < y$ , we know  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq a^* d(x, y) a$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(Tx, Ty) &\leq a^* d(x, y) a \\
 1 &\leq a^2 \\
 1 &\leq \|a\|
 \end{aligned}$$



therefore contradiction.

We prove that  $T$  is forward  $C^*$ -valued contractive type mapping.

Let  $x > 0$ . We have

$$\begin{cases} d(Ty, T^2y) = d\left(\frac{y}{4}, \frac{y}{16}\right) = \frac{3y}{16} \\ d(y, Ty) = \frac{3y}{4} \end{cases}$$

then, there exists  $a$  in  $\mathbb{A}$  such that  $d(Ty, T^2y) \preceq a^*d(y, Ty)a$  for every  $y \in \mathcal{O}_T(x)$

with  $\|a\| = \left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right| < 1$ .

Define  $G : X \rightarrow A$  by

$$G(x) = d(x, Tx)$$

so

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow 0} G(x) = G(0) = 0,$$

then  $G$  is forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at zero and 0 is a fixed point of  $T$ .

**Example 3.18.** Define  $d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} x - y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y - x \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

with partial ordering and norm on  $\mathbb{A}$  are given as example 3.1.

We consider  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{4} & x \geq 0 \\ 1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then for  $y \in \mathcal{O}_T(x), x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} d(Ty, T^2y) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y}{4} - \frac{y}{16} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3y}{16} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\preceq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3y}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a^*d(Ty, y)a, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \|a\| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} < 1.$$

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  be a forward complete  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping which satisfies for all  $y \in \mathcal{O}_T(x)$

$$d(Ty, T^2y) \preceq a d(y, T^2y)$$

with  $\|a\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{A}'_+$ , then

- (i)  $\exists x_0 \in X$  such that the sequence  $T^n x$  forward converges to  $x_0$ ,
- (ii)  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$  if and only if  $G(x) = d(x, Tx)$  is forward  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at  $x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathbb{A} \neq \{0_{\mathbb{A}}\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) &= d(T(T^{n-1} x), T^{n+1} x) \\ &\preceq ad(T^{n-1} x, T^{n+1} x) \\ &\preceq a [d(T^{n-1} x, T^n x) + d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x)] \\ &\preceq ad(T^{n-1} x, T^n x) + ad(T^n x, T^{n+1} x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) - ad(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \preceq ad(T^{n-1} x, T^n x)$$

which implies that

$$(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a) d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \preceq ad(T^{n-1} x, T^n x).$$

Since  $a \in \mathbb{A}'_+$  with  $\|a\| < \frac{1}{2}$ , by Lemma(2.2) we have  $(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1} \in \mathbb{A}'_+$  and also

$$a(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1} \in \mathbb{A}'_+ \text{ with } \|a(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1}\| < 1.$$

Therefore

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \preceq a(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1} d(T^{n-1} x, T^n x).$$

Let's consider  $h = a(1_{\mathbb{A}} - a)^{-1}$  then

$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) \preceq hd(T^{n-1} x, T^n x).$$

Let  $\{T^n x\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$ . Then from the triangular inequality, for  $m < n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^m x, T^{n+1} x) &\preceq \sum_{k=m}^n \|h^{k/2}\|^2 \|d(x, Tx)^{1/2}\|^2 1_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \|d(x, Tx)^{1/2}\|^2 \sum_{k=m}^n \|h^{k/2}\|^2 1_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\preceq \|d(x, Tx)^{1/2}\|^2 \frac{\|h\|^m}{1 - \|h\|} 1_{\mathbb{A}} \\ &\longrightarrow 0_{\mathbb{A}} \text{ as } m \longrightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $\{T^n x\}$  is a forward Cauchy sequence in  $X$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ . Since  $(X, \mathbb{A}, d)$  is a forward complete  $C^*$ -algebra valued asymmetric metric space, there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $T^n x \xrightarrow{f} x_0$ .

If  $Tx_0 = x_0$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_T(x)$  such that  $T^n x \xrightarrow{f} x_0$  with respect to  $\mathbb{A}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|G(x_0)\| &= \|d(x_0, Tx_0)\| \\ &= 0 \\ &\leq \liminf \|G(x_n)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if  $G$  is  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous at  $x_0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \|G(x_0)\| &= \|d(x_0, Tx_0)\| \leq \liminf \|G(T^n x)\| \\ &= \liminf \|d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x)\| \\ &\leq \liminf \|h\|^n \|d(x, Tx)\| \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$d(x_0, Tx_0) = 0_{\mathbb{A}}$$

thus  $T$  has a fixed point. □

### 4 Application

In this section, we will apply our theorem to prove the existence of solution of integral equation. Let  $G$  be the multiplicative group  $]0; 1]$  with its left invariant Haar measure  $\mu$ . Defined by:

$$H = L^2(G) = \left\{ f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \int_G |f(t)|^2 d\mu(t) < \infty \right\} \text{ which's an Hilbert space}$$

$$X = L^\infty(G) = \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \|f\|_\infty < \infty\} \text{ which's a Banach algebra.}$$

Let  $B(H)$  the set of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space  $H$ . Note that  $B(H)$  is a unitary  $C^*$ -algebra. We define an asymmetric metric as:

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow B(H)$$

$$(f, g) \rightarrow d(f, g)$$

with

$$d(f, g) = \begin{cases} \pi_{\frac{1}{2}(f-g)\chi_{\{f>g\}}} + \pi_{(g-f)\chi_{\{g>f\}}} & \text{if } f \neq g \\ 0 & \text{if } f = g \end{cases}$$

where  $\pi_f$  is the multiplication operator given by :

$$\pi_f : X \rightarrow X$$

$$\psi \rightarrow f \cdot \psi$$

and

$$\chi_A(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in A^c \end{cases}$$

It is known that  $\|\pi_f\| = \|f\|_\infty$ .

Here  $(X, B(H), d)$  is a complete  $C^*$ -valued asymmetric metric space with respect to  $B(H)$ .

Let

$$K : G \times G \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y, t) \rightarrow \alpha \cdot x \frac{t}{y^2 + k} \quad (\alpha > 0, k > 0).$$

Let

$$T : X \rightarrow X$$

$$f \rightarrow Tf$$

$$Tf(x) = \int_G K(x, y, f(y)) d\mu(y), \quad x \in G.$$

Choose  $f_0$  defined as follows:

$$f_0 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \rightarrow x$$

then

$$Tf_0(x) = \int_G K(x, y, f_0(y)) d\mu(y)$$

$$= \int_0^1 \alpha x \frac{y}{y^2 + k} d\mu(y)$$

$$= \alpha \cdot x \int_0^1 \frac{y}{y^2 + k} d\mu(y)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha x}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1}{k} + 1 \right)$$

$$> f_0(x) \quad (\forall x \in X).$$

In addition, using simple calculation, we find that

$$T^{n+1}f_0(x) > T^n f_0(x) \quad (\forall x \in X, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

If we take  $g = Tf_0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(Tf_0, T^2f_0)\| &= \|d(Tf_0, Tg)\| \\ &= \|\pi_{Tg-Tf_0}\| \\ &= \sup_{\|\psi\|_2=1} \langle (Tg - Tf_0)\psi, \psi \rangle, \quad \text{for any } \psi \in H \\ &= \sup_{\|\psi\|_2=1} \int_G \alpha \int_G x \frac{g(y) - f_0(y)}{y^2 + k} d\mu(y) \psi(x)^2 d\mu(x) \\ &\leq \alpha \|g - f_0\|_\infty \sup_{\|\psi\|=1} \int_G x \psi(x)^2 d\mu(x) \int_G \frac{1}{y^2 + k} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \alpha \|g - f_0\|_\infty \frac{\arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}}{\sqrt{k}} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{k} \|g - f_0\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\frac{\alpha}{k} < 1$ , we must take

$$\alpha < \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - 1} \Leftrightarrow \alpha e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - \alpha - 1 < 0$$

which is possible because

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \alpha e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - \alpha - 1 = +\infty$$

and  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha e^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - \alpha - 1$  is a continuous function, which take  $-1$  at  $\alpha = 0$ .

We will have

$$\|d(Tf_0, T^2f_0)\| \leq \lambda \|d(f_0, Tf_0)\|$$

with  $\lambda = \alpha \frac{\arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}}{\sqrt{k}}$  and  $\lambda < 1$ .

Therefore the condition of the Theorem 3.2 is verified which ensures the forward convergence of  $T^n f_0$  to  $\tilde{f}$  in  $X$  with respect  $\mathbb{A}$ . It remains to verify that  $\tilde{f}$  is a fixed point. It will suffice to verify that  $G$  is forward  $T$ -orbitally lower-semi-continuous at  $\tilde{f}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|G(\tilde{f})\| &= \|d(\tilde{f}, T\tilde{f})\| \leq \liminf \|G(T^n f_0)\| \\ &= \liminf \|d(T^n f_0, T^{n+1} f_0)\| \\ &\leq \liminf \left( \frac{\alpha}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1}{k} + 1 \right) \right)^n \left( \frac{\alpha}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1}{k} + 1 \right) - 1 \right) (= +\infty). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the integral equation  $f(x) = \int_G K(x, y, f(y)) d\mu(y)$  admits a solution.

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